We need to move this legislation forward. I want to tell my colleagues that I have a commitment from the chairman of the Appropriations Committee that he will not put a temporary reauthorization on the appropriations bill if we don't reach a resolution of the authorization bill. I have been working on a couple of these issues for now 10 years. I do not intend to see it delayed further. I am committed to seeing this reauthorization take place.

I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in trying to resolve any differences that we might have.

I thank the majority leader for trying to move this legislation at this time. I appreciate the Democrat leader's commitment to working in trying to work this thing out.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DURBIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized for not more than 10 minutes as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BASEBALL HISTORY

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I am fortunate to be a Senator representing the great State of Illinois, the great city of Chicago, at great ballpark named Wrigley Field.

Yesterday afternoon it was my good fortune to see at least part of the very historic game, a game between the Chicago Cubs and the Milwaukee Brewers, which will now be part of baseball history. It was a game attended by 40,846 fans at Wrigley Field, and several hundred of us on the rooftops and around the field watched and marveled. Not only was it a great baseball game with the Cubs' victory, but it was a historic game for a very important person. Any newspaper you picked up in Chicago, or Illinois, or perhaps across the country, this morning let everyone in on the fact that baseball history was made yesterday in Wrigley Field.

Paul Sullivan, a Tribune staff writer for the Chicago Tribune put it in lyric words that I would like to read:

With the shadows creeping over the right field vines, and the crowd on its tiptoes, Sosa took hold of an Eric Plunk fastball in the ninth inning and sent it screaming onto Waveland Avenue for number 62, in the greatest home run chase the game has ever seen.

I was happy to be there and to see home run 62. I am happy to represent the State which has in it such a fine man playing as Sammy Sosa. We are really blessed—those of us who follow baseball—to have this wonderful home run derby, and have two extraordinary individuals involved in it.

Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals also sent 62 home runs this year, eclipsing the record of Babe Ruth, as well as Roger Maris. It is good to know that Mark McGwire is a good person.

He announced early in the season that he would be donating $1 million of his salary this year for those children who have been physically and sexually abused. He has a heart, and he has shown it many times.

Then there is Sammy Sosa, from the Dominican Republic.

If you will recall the scene last week when Mark McGwire was breaking the record to be the first to do so, there was Sammy Sosa in right field. He could not have been more supportive and more congratulatory. There is a true friendship between the men.

As Mark McGwire received all of this attention and adulation, Sammy was there to cheer him on. Yesterday, Sammy Sosa matched Mark McGwire with 62 home runs. He continued to praise him as a friend and hoped that they both had good luck in this home run derby in the remaining games.

It tells us a lot about baseball. It tells us a lot about these two men.

Sammy Sosa comes from particularly humble beginnings, starting off in the Dominican Republic. One of my favorite quotes during the course of the season is someone went to Sammy Sosa and said, ''Aren't you under a lot of stress because of this race for the home run title?'' And he said, ''You think this is stressful, earning a living as a shoeshine boy in the Dominican Republic is stressful.'' He put it all in perspective.

He has been gracious and friendly. He has been a true sportsman throughout this race. He deserves our praise and our cheers as well.

All of us watch anxiously for the closing games to see who ends up with the ultimate home run record.

For those of us who are fortunate to love the game and to be watching it closely in 1998, I want to say my hat is off to Mark McGwire and especially to Sammy Sosa, who yesterday with two towering home runs over left field and into Waveland Avenue, really brought Chicago to its feet, cheering this man and all that he stands for.

I am hoping now that they will continue this race to set the record and to put the great American pastime back on its feet. I think they have done a lot for it.

I wish them both the very best. I yield the floor.

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The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

AMENDMENTS NUMBERED 3582 TO 3590 EN BLOC

Mr. GORTON. Madam President, I send a group of amendments to the desk and ask that they be reported en bloc and considered en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) proposes amendments numbered 3582 to 3590 en bloc.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendments be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendments en bloc are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3582

Under the heading ''Bureau of Indian Affairs'', ''Construction'' on page 33, strike the second proviso.

AMENDMENT NO. 3583

At the end of Title I, General Provisions, add the following new section:

SEC.   . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Tribal Self-Governance Act (25 U.S.C. §458aa et seq.) is amended at §458ff(c) by inserting ''450c(d),'' following the word ''sections''.

AMENDMENT NO. 3584

(Purpose: To adjust the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area)

At the end of Title III, add the following new section:

SEC.   . (a) IN GENERAL.—To reflect the intent of Congress set forth in Public Law 98–396, section 4(a)(2) of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(2) The boundaries'' and inserting the following:

''(2) BOUNDARIES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the boundaries''; and (2) by adding at the end of the following:

''(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The scenic area shall not include the approximately 29 acres of land owned by the Port of Camas-Washougal in the South ½ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, and the North ½ of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Willamete Meridian, Clark County, Washington, that consists of—

''(i) the approximately 19 acres of Port land acquired from the Corps of Engineers under the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1984 (Public Law 98–396); and

''(ii) the approximately 10 acres of adjacent Port land to the west of the land described in clause (i).''

(b) INTENT.—The amendment made by the subsection (a)—

(1) is intended to achieve the intent of Congress set forth in Public law 98–396; and

(2) is not intended to set a precedent regarding adjustment or amendment of any boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area or any other provisions of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3585

(Purpose: To delete funding for acquisition by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service of the Texas Chenier Plain)

On page 13, line 13, before the period at the end insert the following: '', and of which no amount shall be available for acquisition of the Texas Chenier Plain''.

AMENDMENT NO. 3586

(Purpose: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System)

On page 74, after line 20, add the following:

SEC. 1 . CORRECTION TO COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM MAP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall make such